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**From:** Harris-Young, Dawn [Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/24/2020 6:47:16 PM  
**To:** Tyler, Kip [Tyler.Kip@epa.gov]; Gettle, Jeaneanne [Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Thomas, Chris [Thomas.Chris@epa.gov]; Hesterlee, Craig [Hesterlee.Craig@epa.gov]; Zapata, Cesar [Zapata.Cesar@epa.gov]; Allenbach, Becky [Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Washington Post inquiry - Kampachi Farms, LLC

Thanks Kip! I have incorporated your edits and made a minor addition. Please review and make necessary edits/additions or reply with an OK.

Thanks,  
Dawn

Kampachi Farms, LLC is proposing to operate a pilot-scale marine aquaculture facility (Velella Epsilon) located in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico approximately 45 miles southwest of Sarasota, Florida. The project would culture approximately 20,000 Almaco Jack and produce a maximum annual harvest of 88,000 pounds. The fish raised in the cage will be sourced from brood stock caught in the Gulf. A single floating cage will be placed at a water depth of approximately 130 feet. The cage is a fully enclosed submersible fish pen that will be deployed on an engineered multiple anchor mooring system. The facility would include a supporting vessel throughout the life of the project.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to Kampachi Farms, LLC (Permit No. FLOA00001). The draft NPDES permit authorizes the discharge of industrial wastewater from the proposed Velella Epsilon facility.

A public hearing is being conducted, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, to provide an opportunity for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to hear public comments on the draft (NPDES) permit and draft National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Assessment for this marine aquaculture facility in the Gulf.

Those who would like to make an oral comment at this meeting and have not pre-registered, please inquire at the registration desk whether time is available to accommodate walk-in commenters and, if so, how to sign up. Additionally, the public comment period has been extended until February 4, 2020. Persons wishing to provide EPA with comments or other information on any aspects of the draft NPDES permit or draft NEPA document may: (1) submit written comments at the hearing; (2) present oral comments at the hearing; (3) submit comments electronically to [R4NPDES.Kampachi@epa.gov](mailto:R4NPDES.Kampachi@epa.gov); (4) fax comments to 404-562-9772; or (5) send written comments to EPA at: Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Water Division, NPDES Permitting Section, Attention: Mr. Kip Tyler, 61 Forsyth Street S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

Following the public hearing, and after consideration of all written and oral comments and data and the requirements of the Clean Water Act and applicable regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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**From:** Tyler, Kip <Tyler.Kip@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 1:41 PM  
**To:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>  
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Dawn. I included a bit more information in your draft response below and incorporated Jeaneanne's suggestions.

Kip Tyler

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**From:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <[Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov](mailto:Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 1:36 PM

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Dawn

I suggest including language that the public comment period is open to .... and anyone interested in commenting may do so by.....

Jmg

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2020, at 1:24 PM, Harris-Young, Dawn <[Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov](mailto:Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi All,

HQ sent an inquiry from the Washington Post concerning the public hearing on Kampachi Farms. I have drafted a response below using documents developed for the hearing. Please review and make necessary edits/additions or reply with an OK.

Thanks,  
Dawn

Draft response

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**From:** Reiley, Laura < >

**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 12:57 PM

**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** question from reporter at Washington Post

Can someone at the EPA walk me through the Kampachi Farms aquaculture project in the Gulf? I'm trying to understand where things stand in terms of approval and precisely what the meeting on Tuesday at More Marine will accomplish. This is for a deadline business story for the Post. My deadline for a draft is Monday afternoon, so if someone could talk to me today, that would be wonderful.

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-08/documents/draft\\_factsheet-kampachi\\_farms\\_fl0a00001.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-08/documents/draft_factsheet-kampachi_farms_fl0a00001.pdf)

## DRAFT FACT SHEET

The aquaculture specific reporting requirements are based on reporting that is required by the for the ELGs CAAP Point Source Category (40 CFR § 451.3) and includes requirements related to the use of drugs or other

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

Laura Reiley

Business of food reporter

The Washington Post